

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated July 7, 2009.

Claims 19-37 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-18 have been canceled.

Claims 19-27 and 31-37 have been allowed, with Applicants acknowledging the allowance.

Claim 29 was found to be allowable but was objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. It is however submitted that claim 29 is, in fact, directly dependent on allowed independent base claim 27 and not a rejected base claim and it is presumed that the objection thereto is in error and should be withdrawn.

Claims 28 and claim 30, dependent thereon, were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Sugiyama et al. (US 2002/0071027) with the Examiner noting that such claims do not recite decoding and re-encoding to provide an intra frame.

In response to the rejection of claims 28 and 30, and in view of the Examiner's statement regarding decoding and re-encoding, independent method claim 28 has been amended to include method steps of decoding and re-encoding and the providing of an intra frame in a manner which tracks the operation of the multi-point conference device of allowed claim 19. Claim 28 and claim 30 dependent thereon are accordingly neither anticipated by nor unpatentable over the Sugiyama et al. reference.

The Applicants respectfully submit that claims 28 and 30 are currently in a condition for allowance, in addition to the specifically allowed claims (and claim 29).

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

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